

Superintendent's Highlights

A major disappointment for the 1998/99 school year was the voters' rejection of a \$12.6 million bond levy. This was the fourth attempt in less than three years. Each election received over 60% voter approval but did not meet the 2/3 super majority yes vote as required by the Idaho Constitution. The number one reason for the bond defeat continues to be the method of taxation to support a bond levy.

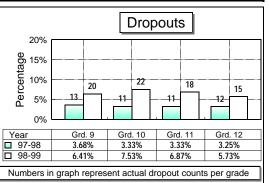
The Jerome School District continues to be recognized as a state leader in the area of technology. This year, Jerome High School was selected as one of fifteen sites across the state to host an Albertson Model Classroom. The district was also a recipient of a "Goals 2000" grant and continued year two of the Federal Challenge grant. Currently, 90% of district certified staff has participated in one or more classes or workshops offered in application software. In addition, forty staff members have received advanced instruction in multimedia and integration strategies.

Jerome School District is also recognized as a state leader in reading improvement. For the second year Horizon Elementary has been recognized by the Institute of Academic Excellent as a Reading Renaissance Model School.

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total		
White	40.94%	38.38%	79.32%		
Black	0.19%	0.38%	0.57%		
Hispanic	9.53%	9.82%	19.35%		
Nat. Amer.	0.22%	0.19%	0.41%		
Asian	0.13%	0.22%	0.35%		
Total	51.01%	48.99%	100.00%		



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Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

1998-99 Goals

Progress

Be a member district of the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition.

Jerome School District, in conjunction with nineteen other Region IV School Districts and the College of southern Idaho have received a three year 4.8 million dollar Albertson Foundation grant to implement a professional technical academy. Jerome's Center of Excellence" will offer A+ Certification and Microsoft Authorized Academic Training Programs. By passing certification exams, students can earn a marketable and industry-recognized credential that validates their proficiency in supporting personal computer and /or Microsoft products.

Develop a consistent updated district wide curriculum for each grade level in the areas of math and language arts. Teacher committees have been actively engaged in the identification, development and revision of essential knowledge in the curricular areas of math and language arts essential knowledge.

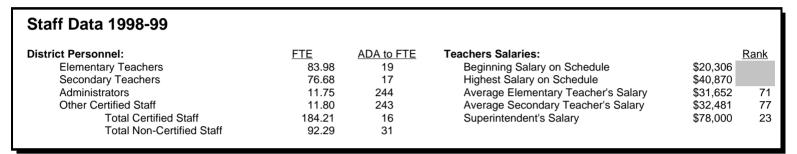
To raise the academic achievement of all Jerome School District students.

On the ITBS and TAP tests, eight of the nine grades assessed scored above the National average and four of the nine above the State average on the Core Total. On the Direct Math and Direct Writing assessments, all grade levels scored below the State Average.

Pursue the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation support for the Learning For the 21st Century Initiative.

We were awarded an Albertson Foundation Bridge Grant that will enable the district to complete a three-year improvement plan. The purpose of the strategic plan is to enable our schools to become high performance schools.

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	M & O Fund	<u>%</u>	All Funds	<u>%</u>	Expenditures:				
Revenues:					M & O Instruction	\$7,556,492	65.37%		
Local Taxes	\$1,623,846	13.26%	\$2,142,022	14.25%	M & O Support Programs	3,954,629	34.21%		
Other Sources	180,965	1.48%	771,057	5.13%	M & O Other	48,795	0.42%		
State	10,441,324	85.26%	10,842,076	72.13%	Total M & O	\$11,559,916	100.00%	\$4,029	•
Federal	0	0.00%	1,276,454	8.49%	=				
_					Total ALL Funds	\$14,942,680	100.00%	\$5,208	
Total	\$12,246,135	100.00%	\$15,031,609	100.00%	=				
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Property Tax R	eplacement			\$477,323	Tax Levies at 9-1-98	<u>Total</u>	<u>Per ADA</u>	<u>Rank</u>	
Lottery Revenu	es			\$129,685	Property Market Values	\$515,288,585	\$179,587	70	
Technology Gra	ant			\$118,363	Total General M & O Levies	0.003149800		71	
					Total District Levies	0.004129833		88	



Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).

